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Applicant: PULLA  
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Title: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF 4-(4-FLUOROBENZOYL)  
BUTYRIC ACID

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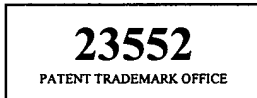
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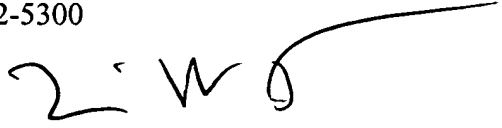
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		
		Baens et al. " <u>Synthesis of 2, 5-Substituted Piperidines: Transposition of 1, 4-Substitution Pattern for the Analgesic Drug R6582.</u> " <i>Tetrahedron</i> . Vol. 49, No. 15, pp. 3193-3202. XP 002022790

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